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6. Camping is fun because you can explore nature.

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Answer Key: FINDING COUNTERARGUMENTS for OPINIONS

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(answers may vary)

1. Sunny days are great because the weather is warm.

Sunny days are uncomfortable because it's so hot.

2. Pollution is necessary because companies need to create products.

Pollution is unnecessary because it hurts the planet.

3. Fifteen-year-olds should be allowed to vote because they're responsible.

Fifteen-year-olds should not be allowed to vote because they have more school to complete.

4. You shouldn't travel on an airplane because it's dangerous.

You should travel on an airplane because there are many safety precautions.

5. Cats are the best pets because they're cuddly.

Cats aren't the best pets because they scratch.

6. Camping is fun because you can explore nature.

Camping is boring because there's nothing to do.

7. Cookies are the worst dessert because there's no frosting.

Cookies are the best dessert because they have chocolate chips.

8. Sleeping in is nice because you feel fully rested.

Sleeping in isn't good because you're late for school.

9. Birthdays are the best holidays because you get presents.

Birthdays aren't the best holidays because everyone has a different birthday.

10. Trucks are the worst vehicles because they're hard to park.

Trucks are great to drive because they can carry things.
